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FOR ASST SECY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN PFOR APER QA US

SUBJ: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: QATAR

REF: 75 STATE 303856, STATE 29255. DOHA 0034

1. THIS EMBASSY WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS CONCERTED USG EFFORT TO PROMOTE OUR POLICY INTERESTS MORE EFFECTIVELY IN MULTI-LATERAL FORUMS VIA CONTINUING AND VIGOROUS PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS TO INVOLVED GOQ OFFICIALS. LATTER WILL BE MADE FULLY AWARE, AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN PAST, THAT QATAR'S ACTIONS ON MATTERS THAT TOUCH US INTERESTS WILL IMPACT FAVORABLY OR ADVERSELY ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND THAT, THEREFORE, IT BEHOOVES GOQ TO LOOK MORE CAREFULLY AT THE ISSUES BEFORE CONFORMING IN BLOC VOTING PATTERNS.

2. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH AFFECT HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED HERE ON THIS POLICY COURSE, AND OUR COMMENTS ON THEM WERE SUBMITTED IN DOHA REFTEL. PARA 4 OF STATE 29255 MAKES POINT WHICH GOQ FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ALSO USED IN REPLYING TO OUR COMPLAINTS ABOUT QATARI PERFORMANCE ON KOREAN VOTE IN 30TH GA, I.E. THAT WE SHOULD CONSULT EARLIER AND ON SCENE WITH QATARI REPS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK ON UN ISSUES. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT CAPABILITIES AND INTEREST IN OR UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES BY EITHER AMBASSADOR AL MANA OR PERMREP JAMAL, WE SHOULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON FONMIN'S REQUEST THAT WE CONSULT WITH THEM EARLY IN GAME ON UN ISSUES. THEY WILL NOT

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COME TO US AND EXPECT THAT WE WILL MAKE THE EXTRA EFFORT TO SEEK



THEM OUT, AND WE SHOULD DO SO.

3. IT IS WORTH MENTIONING THAT AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S RESIGNATION WAS GLEEFULLY GREETED HERE BY SOME GOQ OFFICIALS AND A NUMBER OF THIRD WORLD DIPLOMATS. WE HAVE CAUTIONED THEM THAT AMB MOYNIHAN WAS THE FRONTLINE SPOKESMAN FOR A POLICY REPEATEDLY AND PUBLICLY SUPPORTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY, ANDHWHICH, IN ADDITION, OVERWHELMINGLY BACKED BY US PUBLIC OPINION; THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS ERROR TO INTERPRET AMB MOYNIHAN'S DEPARTURE AS SIGNALLING ANY CHANGE IN COURSE FOR US MULTI-LATERAL DIPLOMACY.

4. SINCE THIS SMALL STAFF IS NOTABLY SHORT OF SENIOR OFFICERS, I SHALL ASSUME LINE RESPONSIBILITY ON THIS MATTER. OTHER STAFF MEMBERS, OF COURSE, ARE FULLY BRIEFED ON THIS POLICY THRUST ANDYILL CONTRIBUTE AS APPROPRIATE TO OUR EFFORTS HERE.  
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